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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING AND/OR  
ISOLATING STEM CELLS AND  
PROGNOSING RESPONSIVENESS TO  
LEUKEMIA

Examiner: Q. Janice Li

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 28, 2005, with an extended response date of December 28, 2005, and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A separate request for a two-month extension of time is being submitted herewith.

It is believed that no additional fees are required for these submissions. However, should it be found that additional fees are required or a refund owed for this application, the Director is authorized to credit any overpayments and/or charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.